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REMARKS

The Applicant has carefully read and reviewed the Office Action mailed March 9, 2005, and the references cited therewith. Claims 21-25 were allowed. Claims 1, 4-7, 9, 10, 12, 14-17, and 19 were rejected. Claims 3, 11, and 13 were objected to. Claims 3, 5-7, 9, 10, and 12 have been amended in this response. Claims 1, 2, 4, 8, 13, 18, and 20 have been canceled. Claims 3, 5-7, 9-12, 14-17, 19, and 21-25 are still pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC 102 and 35 USC 103

Claims 3, 5-7, 9, 10, 12, 14-17, and 19 were either rejected under 35 USC 102 or 35 USC 103. Claim 12 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of previously objected to claim 13. Previously objected to claim 3 has been amended to be in independent form which incorporates the limitations of the base claim. Claims 5-7, 9, 10, 14-17, and 19 are dependent claims depending from one of the currently amended independent claims and providing additional limitations thereto.

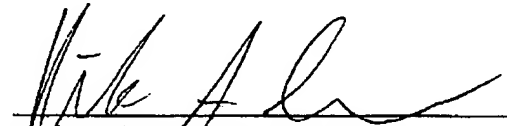
Conclusion

For these reasons, claims 3 and 12, are believed to be patentable over the prior art of record, therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 3 and 12 is requested. Claims 5-7, 9, 10, 14-17, and 1 are allowable as dependent claims depending from an allowable independent claim and providing additional limitations thereto. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 3, 5-7, 9-12, 14-17, 19 is respectfully requested.

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Applicant respectfully asserts that the present claims particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which is regarded as the invention.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are in condition for allowance, and favorable action with respect to the present application is requested.

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